



## Senate

General Assembly

February Session, 2002

**File No. 487**

Senate Bill No. 659

*Senate, April 15, 2002*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE OFFICE OF  
CONSUMER COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY  
CONTROL AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONSUMER COUNSEL  
AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Consumer Counsel and  
2       the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority shall review (1)  
3       the functions and activities of the Office of Consumer Counsel and the  
4       Department of Public Utility Control in order to evaluate the cost and  
5       effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for  
6       their continued funding, and (2) the purposes for which the resources  
7       of the Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund are  
8       expended in order to determine the most appropriate uses for such  
9       resources. The Consumer Counsel and the chairperson shall submit  
10      findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
11      General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
12      appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January

- 13 15, 2003, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
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**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) and the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to review their functions and activities to determine the cost and effectiveness of those functions. The agencies can complete this review without incurring a fiscal impact.

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

SB 659

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UTILITY CONTROL AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONSUMER  
COUNSEL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND.**

**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Department of Public Utility Control to review their functions and activities to determine the cost and effectiveness of those functions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0